IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/791,270 Confirmation No. : 8940

First Named Inventor : Masaaki NOMURA Filed : March 3, 2004

TC/A.U. : 1615

Examiner : H. AHMED

Docket No. : 100598.53322US

Customer No. : 23911

Title : Pharmaceutical Hard Capsule Containing Inorganic

Substance

Amendment

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 18, 2007. An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.